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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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JP 2000-33087 corresponds to US 5,997,479

US 5,229,933 corresponds to JP 3-181877. Applicant believes that US 5,011,438 is not the corresponding English document although it is listed on the ISR.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,997,479	12/1999	Savord et al.			
	US 5,229,933	07/1993	Larson, III			
	US 5,832,923	10/1998	Engeler et al.			

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	JP 2000-33087	02/2000	Japan			See IDS	
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